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In re Application of:)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449 submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.98 (a) (1) and 1.98 (b). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein. As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the application, it is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (b)(1).

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Copies of the following listed references are not enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d) because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application, USSN 09/221,139 filed on December 24, 1998, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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